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WEST RIVER NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

NANNING, August 7.

Rain has been very plentiful, and the rice crop excellent throughout this district with the people contented. Many of the sugar cane fields which were neglected and deserted during the late years of trouble have been brought under cultivation again, and there has been a large and increasing export of sugar, much of which I believe is destined for the Japanese market.

While the river was in flood, the German gunboat Tientsin was able to make the trip to Lungchait on the Tonkin frontier. She did the return journey in less than a day so high was the water and so rapid the current. All went well except that the masthead came in collision with a telegraph wire and needed repairs in consequence. The Military Department controlling the "new" soldiers has been transferred to Kweilin, while the big Military College at Lungchait is moving here very shortly.

Mr. Treppewsky, our Harbourmaster, has gone on holiday and his place has been taken by Mr. A. Johnson.

The high water has attracted a large number of steam launches by Nanning to share in the carrying trade, and as regards motor boats we have had them arriving and departing almost simultaneously.

Dog flesh is in great demand in Nanning and fetches a higher price here than any other meal. This morning I saw a poor wretch gagged and bound being carried off on the end of a pole for slaughter—the other dogs all along the street were crazy with terror. Nanning dogs can recognise a dog butcher even when there is no visible sign of his trade, and his progress through the streets is heralded by angry barks from every house.

MARRIAGE OF MISS MANSON.

Mr Philip H. Bahr, M.A., M.B., son of Mr and Mrs Louis Bahr, of Patterfield House, Oxford, Surrey, was married during July to Miss Edith Margaret Manson, eldest daughter of Sir Patrick Manson, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., and Lady Manson, of 21, Queen Anne-street, Cavendish-square. The bride's father, who is medical adviser to the Colonial Office and Lecturer at the London School of Tropical Medicine, was formerly a well-known resident of Hongkong, where many a pleasant recollection of him still lingers. The marriage was solemnised by the Rev. H. Fearnly-Whittinghall, rector of Chalfont, Bucks, assisted by the Rev. David Anderson, rector of St. George's; the service was choral, and the church was adorned with flowers and foliage.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin, with front panel of raised silver embroidery in the form of Empire wreath. Her Court train of satin was embroidered in an Empire design with silver brocade, and her veil of Brussels lace, which was worn by Lady Manson at her own wedding, covered a tulle of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white roses in foliage. Six bridesmaids and three little girls attended the bride, the former being the Misses V. and R. Manson (sisters of the bride), Miss Bahr (sister of the bridegroom), the Misses Dolly and Cassia Thorburn, and Miss Train; and the children, the Misses Dora and Lily Lange (nieces of the bridegroom), and Miss Stephanie Corner. All wore powder-blue nines, draped over white satin princess underskirts, with tucked yokes of pale cream net, the sleeves being of ruffled nines over cream lace. Their hats were of drawn net, trimmed with powder-blue ribbon and wreaths of forget-me-nots. Master Claude Turner acted as page. Dr Pratt was best man.

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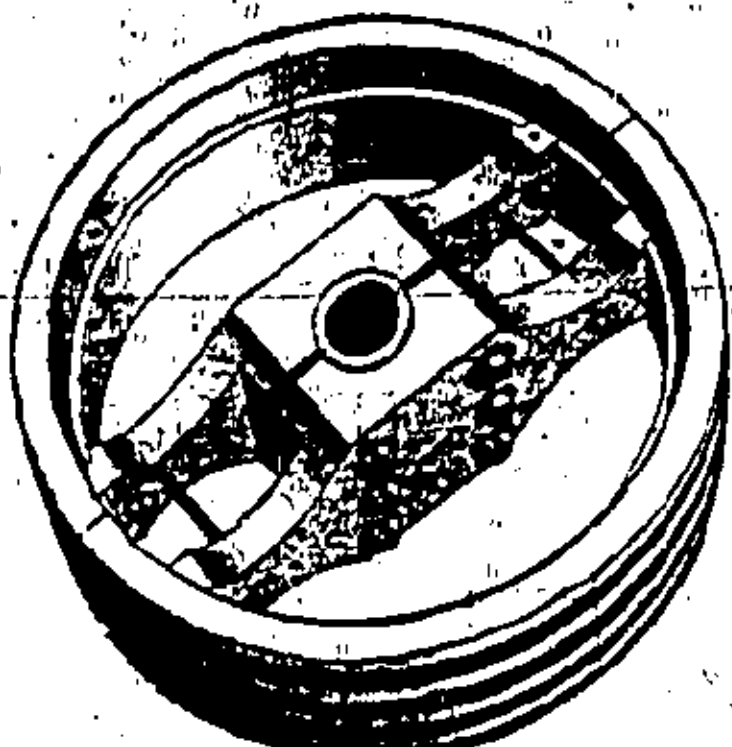
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Tables for Astronomical Great Circle Sailing
and Reduction to the Meridian, by
Captain BRUCE, Wellington,
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The publication of new and improved
Astronomical Tables by Captain R. S. Black-
burne, the principal examiner of Masters
and Mates in New Zealand, is announced.
The main object of these tables appears to
be the simplification and popularizing of
the well-known Sumner method for the
determination of the position of a ship at
sea, and as such they will be welcomed by
those who wish for improved methods of
navigation. Although a knowledge of the
Sumner method is insisted on by the
Board of Trade in all their examinations
we strongly suspect that, except in the
Royal Navy and perhaps on Mail
Steamers, the matter is usually lost sight
of as soon as the examination room has
been left behind. The work, however,
contains much other matter useful to
sailors and is copiously illustrated by
practical examples.

A Family of Influences, by W. H. WILLIAM
SON. London, Mr. Fisher Unwin.

The Gillan-Wells were a landed family
possessing a baronetcy bestowed in the days
of Charles II. Though in rather straight-
ened circumstances they refused to have
anything to do with "trade," and in con-
sequence had to exert all their influence to
secure a berth in the Foreign Office (salary
£400 a year) for one son, nurse the
presentation of a Church living for a second
and entertain hopes of a wealthy heiress
for the third. Though they despised all
people associated with commercial pursuits
and loathed even to mention such persons
in their conversation, they are driven to
most ignominious shifts and expedients to get
Cardelino, the eldest son, into the berth
they coveted for him at the Foreign Office.
Cardelino did not possess a superfluity of
brains, but a young barrister who had
helped him during his college career had and
when, not knowing that the Gillan-Wells
desired the job for their darling, he applied
for the position at Downing street. This
Jack Denton was the son of a country
chemist but Sir James Gillan-
Wells in the crisis of the great ex-
tremity, called on him in his chambers
and begged the young fellow to stand aside.
Denton on learning that Cardelino was the
only other candidate consented to do this
and so the situation was saved. Meanwhile
Dante, the second son of the Family,
refuses to take Holy Orders and wait until
such time as the family benefice fell
vacant and much to the horror and dis-
gust of his people he attaches himself to
the fortunes of a maker of motor cars, in
order that he can work up an independent
position for himself and marry pretty
Temple Bellamy. Naturally the Family
cut him out of their lives entirely. Mean-
while Miss Ida Venn, a young lady with
an independent income of £4,000 a year,
comes within reach of the Family's influence.
All the clan prepare to act not to share
such an eligible party for the impetuous
Cardelino. But Ida meets at the same
time Jack Denton and the contrast be-
tween the two men is so very striking that
it is soon seen which way Ida's heart will
incline when it comes to a matter of choice
between them. Very entertaining are the
chapters devoted to this episode in the
history of the Family, and one follows the
rise and fall of their hopes and fears with a
considerable amount of amused interest.
It is all so deliciously human, so perfectly
in keeping with the old traditions; while
the Family are perfectly oblivious of
the bare-faced manner in which they
play their cards. In the end they
are beaten and Cardelino accepts
instead of a winsome girl of his
own age and station, a faded widow of
thirty-six, whose husband had left her
comfortably off—but her money came from
the land so it would not soil the hand of a
Gillan-Wells to touch it. Dante, while
these things were proceeding, was steadily
advancing the fortunes of the motor car
firm which he had joined and when the
book closes the family are discussing, in
view of his accumulating riches, whether
he should be taken back to the fold again.
The story is excellently told, the satire
never too biting, the comic relief well sus-
tained; altogether a book to satisfactorily
fill in the hours between dinner and bed
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12.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes
3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes
6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes

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9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes
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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curio,
etc., at Mr Geo. P. Laumert's Sales
Rooms.THURSDAY, August 19.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Steam Launch *Quillon*
alongside Queen's Statue Wharf.SATURDAY, August 21.—
Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation at the
City Hall.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1909.

THE CENTENARY OF TENNYSON.

The hundredth anniversary of the birth of Tennyson finds the noble Laureate of the Victorian era gradually settling down to his proper position in the world of English letters. Like all men who have established a claim to a particular niche in the Temple of Fame, Tennyson's reputation has passed through the usual gamut of excessive adulation, mild neglect, petty questioning, censorious depreciation, then gradual rehabilitation. To-day a generation that knows him only by his books and not by sight is ready to accord him the proper place he has rightly won. Of course he no longer shines as the brightest glory in

the Victorian constellation of thinkers, writers and poets, for it goes without saying that the perfect mastery of his style, the tradition of his name, his sheer poetic presence, no longer dominate this youthful century so completely as they dominated the latter half of the nineteenth. The work that was merely of his own day both in its inspiration and in its objective is beginning to flag; that for all time and of a rarer source and destiny to stand out more clearly revealed. An air of what we nowadays call Victorian, which, to present view, seems rather local and temporary, a niceness of sentiment and a lukewarmness of humanity undoubtedly dilute much of his poetry, and much, too, that is incidentally very beautiful suggests the Laureate's office as well as his inspiration. It was perhaps an unkind, yet nevertheless a true, observation that Tennyson's outlook on life, as expressed in his writings, was that of a highly proper and strictly moral Anglican priest with narrow, self-contained High Church proclivities. Never having known the pinches of poverty, never having had to struggle with the pressing, unfeeling multitude for his daily bread it was scarcely surprising that his reflections on life lacked both breadth and depth, while his philosophy was too often very much of the sort usually associated with the name of MARTIN TUPPER. We speak of course of the printed page. The man TENNYSON was altogether a thing apart from the courtly Poet Laureate. His talk was racy; at times coarse; the poet's printed words are often "linked sweetness long drawn out."

Yet with all his limitations TENNYSON cannot be deprived of the proud title of representing more fully than any of his contemporaries the fleeting thought and, what may be called the official, philosophy of the Victorian age. He was beloved by the QUEEN, and the PRINCE CONSORT. Men of science like HUXLEY were "impressed with the Doric beauty" of his distal poems, or like HERSCHEL, OWEN, and TYNDALL admired him "for the eagerness with which he welcomed all the latest scientific discoveries, and for his trust in truth." Serious judges cited him on the bench, while his hold upon the female portion of the realm was never relaxed from the time of the first of his lyric narratives till that solemn evening when his dying eyes watched "the casement slowly glimmer to a single square." He was the mouthpiece of his generation and it is not to be wondered at that he likewise was bound by the shackles of what now appears to us its very obvious limitations. For that reason a good deal of his poetry is spoiled by the "prettiness" which the age demanded; by a finical overniceness in the choice of words, which tended to diminish the solidarity of an otherwise nobly planned edifice. The sentimental touch which MILLAIS had to put into his paintings to please his public, was reproduced by TENNYSON in many of his poems and the public rewarded him for giving them what they appreciated and understood by buying his work freely, thereby enabling him to pile up such a fortune that the QUEEN was able to raise him to the peerage well-knowing that he had the wherewithal to support the dignity.

The great service which TENNYSON did for his day and generation was to reconcile believers in the older faith with the ideas advanced by the teachers of the newer science. We of this generation can scarcely conceive of the alarm which spread throughout the land when Darwin's theory of evolution was first enunciated and Bishop WILBERFORCE and HUXLEY and later HUXLEY and GLADSTONE came to gladiatorial grips. Those were bitter fights which the champions of orthodoxy put up, and that the leaders of the new thought returned blow for blow in downright earnest our fathers have often told us. Throughout the land, we read, "there spread a sense of dismay, a sort of hopeless homelessness; the very foundations of the old established faith seemed crumbling away, disappearing in a quagmire of doubt and disbelief. It was TENNYSON who found a way of

salvation from the Slough of Despond. As one discriminating American critic recently observed, in discussing this point, "Tennyson without hesitation, accepted the new point of view for his 'In Memoriam,' and those who were leading the revolution felt this and accepted enthusiastically a recruit from the writers of the imagination, who were commonly arrayed against them." It is unnecessary to point out the law of evolution, the survival of the fittest, and man's kinship to the ape were clearly hinted at before Darwin had definitely formulated them in his epoch-making book. What more impressed men at that time, however, was the fact that Tennyson felt the terrifying doubts awakened by this conception of man as part of a vast mechanism, but still clung to the creed "which humanity cannot give up, because it is necessary for life." And TENNYSON, and this is the point to be emphasized, found this minimum of faith, not outside of the new science, but at its very heart. He does, indeed, as more than one critic has noticed, cry out at times against the harsher hypothesis, declaring that we are not "magnetic mockeries" or "only cunning casts in clay"; but the gist of his confidence, and what made him the spokesman of the age, was in a bold completion of evolution by the theory of indefinite progress and by a vision of some magnificent consummation wherein the sacrifices of the present were to be compensated somehow, somewhere, somewhere—who shall say? This reconciliation of dogma and science, this discovery of a Father near at hand within the inexorable law of evolution, this vision of an eternal state to be reached in the progress of time—

That God, which ever-lives and loves.
One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves,—
must be placed to the credit of TENNYSON when we cast up his account in the Great Account. Stern critics may say that he compromised; may argue that he bartered away his immortal soul for an unsatisfying half-truth. We need not discuss the point. Suffice it to say that TENNYSON was the greatest exponent, as poet, of his age and generation as his friend FREDERICK was its truest philosopher.

CANTON SELF-GOVERNMENT SOCIETY.

A correspondent writes asking if it is not high time that a joint diplomatic representation should be made in Peking to curb the mischievous propensities of the Canton Self-Government Society. We certainly are of opinion that the time is ripe for such action, but unless all the Powers represented at Peking move together in unison no good result can possibly be achieved. The protests of individual Ministers are of no avail. Of that we have had too many instances of late. Another difficulty in the way of securing a satisfactory mandate from Peking is that the Self-Government Society has no proper organization. The half a dozen demagogues who control its actions never appear in the forefront of its public meetings. It will be noticed that at these meetings a new chairman is invariably elected, and the services of no other officers are requisitioned. The chairman is the mouthpiece of the unseen agitators and when the particular meeting over which he presides has accomplished what its conveners wished for he disappears. Subscriptions are levied, we understand, but no one has ever heard how the money is expended, nor has any proper accounting been insisted on by the nominal members of the Society. Altogether the organization has been skilfully devised, but we have no hesitation in saying that were the officials so minded they could put an end to it at once. One thing is certain, unless the Society is dissolved or brought well within the bounds of law, a great deal of harm will ensue and Chinese officialdom will rue the day when they began to encourage the Self-Government Society to meddle in international questions.

Shipping folk generally are complaining of the weakness and inadequacy of the light recently erected on Signal Hill, Kowloon, to warn mariners of the peril of the Flores rocks. The light is so feeble and its working so erratic that it seems a mere waste of public money to have installed it.

INFANTILE CHOLERA.

ANY natural looseness of a child's bowels during the hot weather should be a warning to mothers. Infantile cholera may develop in a few hours, and prompt action should be taken to avoid it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil, will check the disease in its incipient stage, and all danger will be avoided. For Sale by all chemists and druggists.

DEATH OF MR ERICH GEORG.

Death has removed a prominent figure from the German community of Hongkong in the person of Mr. Erich Georg, the well-known stock broker. A veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, he was the recipient of the Iron Cross of the first class, which is an eloquent tribute to his bravery on the battlefield. Most of the business years of his life were spent in Hongkong where he won hosts of friends, for foreigners and Chinese alike admired his many fine qualities as a business man and a cultured gentleman. Taking a keen interest in Freemasonry, like so many of his countrymen, Mr. Georg passed through various offices until he became Master of the Perseverance Lodge. In Royal Arch Masonry he also figured conspicuously. In the social world his genial disposition made him an ideal leader of men and on several occasions he was called upon to fill the chair of the Club Germania. An upright, loyal gentleman who guided his way of life by the highest ideals of his beloved Fatherland, his removal from our midst will be deplored by a very large circle indeed.

The funeral takes place this afternoon.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A Peking telegram states that England and America have proposed that the second Opium Conference be held at The Hague.

The steamer *Persia*, formerly the well-known *O. and O. Co.* has been chartered by the *Eng. Hk. Co.* for a trip to Mexico.

The silk shipped per the *O. S. E. s.s. Tacoma Maru*, which left Hongkong on the 3rd July, was delivered at New York on the 8th inst.

Orders have been issued from the War Office to enlist only *bona-fide* Scotsmen for the *Scottish Highlanders* and *Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders*.

Judging by the miserable rainy weather which has prevailed all day it would seem that the "depression" has anchored itself permanently over Hongkong. One thing, it keeps the temperature at a decent level.

The United States treasury is making arrangements to borrow enough money to cover the deficit. It is understood that the loan will be a popular one and the bonds be widely distributed. However the exact plan has not matured.

While voyaging northwards from Hongkong the death occurred of Mr. Latta, chief engineer of the *s.s. Kutsang*. Deceased was well-known in shipping circles in the East, and his demise is regretted by a large number of friends.

The Church Missionary Society's recent exhibition in London, "Africa and the East," secured a total attendance of 330,000—a not unsatisfactory result in view of the unpropitious weather and the various counter attractions. As the expense of organising the show amounted to £10,000, it is something of a relief to know that the receipts not only covered the outlay, but left a substantial sum over.

The Chinese Imperial Telegraph Administration has paid the proprietors of the *Palace Hotel*, Shanghai, \$10,705, the actual cost of the wireless telegraph apparatus recently erected on the Hotel. It will be reinstalled in the Chinese Telegraphs building and is expected to be in working order within three weeks. The whole matter is to be laid by Mr. Specky before the Foreign Office in London.

The Board of Civil Administration in Peking having communicated to native newspaper offices that copies must be sent everyday to the Board for inspection the right before publication or the papers will be stopped, the native press association met on August 5th and decided that such a ruling would kill the right of discussion. They intend to send in a petition to cancel the ruling otherwise the newspaper offices in Peking will all remove to the foreign settlements in Tientsin to avoid the rule.

A sensation was caused in the Shanghai Settlement last Saturday, said the *Shanghai Mercury*, when it became known that Mr. Chas. Engelbrach, formerly Marshal and Clerk of the U.S. Consulate General, had been arrested on an information filed by Mr. A. Bassett, District Attorney, U.S. Court for China. The charge is that of embezzlement, alleged to have been committed by the accused whilst in possession of consular and government monies at the time of his holding the office of Marshal. The arrest was made on an American Consular warrant, the accused being taken before the Consular Authorities where, after a preliminary examination, he was released on bail of \$1,000 gold.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Samuel Storey, for many years Liberal member for Sunderland, has been adopted by the tariff reformers of that borough as their candidate.

Bishop Berlin, the first Filipino bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, is critically ill at Rome, and has had administered to him the last sacrament of the church.

It seems probable now that Mr. Whitely, who will continue in the post of American Ambassador in London during the whole period of the late administration, is an unlikely successor.

KING EDWARD AT MARIENBAD.

AN AUSTRIAN WELCOME.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 12.

The *Freudenblat*, the organ of the Austrian Foreign Office, heartily welcomes King Edward to Marienbad. It describes the reports of a state of coolness existing between King Edward and the Emperor Francis Joseph as baseless.

FIFTH TEST MATCH.

ANOTHER DRAW.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 12.

The fifth Test match has resulted in a drawn game.

[Note.—England won the first of the present series of Test matches; then Australia won two, and two have been drawn. The position now stands: England has won 15 Test matches; Australia 34, and 17 have been drawn.—Ed. C. M.]

DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

FAR-REACHING DECISIONS REACHED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 12.

Reuter learns that the Defence Conference is on the point of concluding its labours.

Some far-reaching decisions have been reached and all important differences overcome.

All parts of the British Empire represented at the Conference expressed the intention of taking a fair share in the cost of naval defence.

TERRIBLE DISASTER FEARED.

700 CORAL FISHERS MISSING.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, August 12.

Three torpedo boats have been dispatched to ascertain the fate of 700 men who were fishing for coral off the coast of Tosa province and were caught in the storm which swept over the district on the ninth of August.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council meets to-morrow (Friday) this orders for the day being as follows:—

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Malicious Damage Ordinance, 1895.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, and the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, and to repeal the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

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First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to set apart certain Crown Land to be used as a burial ground for persons professing the Christian Religion, other than members of the Roman Catholic Church.

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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 26.

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UNDEVELOPED LAND.

TAXATION CLAUSE PASSED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, August 25.

The House of Commons has adopted by 223 votes to 119 Clause 10 of the Finance Bill taxing undeveloped land.

[Note.—A Blue-book recently issued has an important bearing on the taxation proposals of the Government. It contains papers bearing on land taxes and on Income-tax, etc., in certain foreign countries, and on the working of the taxation of site values in certain cities of the United States and in British Overseas States. A list of the points brought out are as follows:—

Frankfort-on-Main was the first municipality to devise and put in force a scheme for the special taxation of the increase in land value which (according to Mr. Bernard Maliet, one of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, who contributes a paper to the Blue-book) has been a marked feature in the growth of German cities during the last few years. But the question has in a more general sense been attacked, it is claimed, successfully, in a large number of countries by the substitution of market or capital value for annual value in the assessment of the land taxes in accordance with the recommendation of the Prussian Government in 1870.

In the typical case of Frankfort-on-Main the town levies a tax on the selling price of land on its transfer, varying according to (1) the nature of the land (built on or not built on), (2) the period since the last sale, and (3) the increment since the last sale. An official valuation is not usually needed.

On the Continent of Europe the principle of levying on capital value seems to be confined to municipal or quasi-municipal authorities—the Swiss Cantons, and in the German towns. In Hamburg, for instance, rents or produce are capitalised and taxed at 5 per 1000 of the capital value thus reached. In Bremen land is taxed on its income, but built-on land on capital value. In Prussia the municipalities tax land in addition to the State property tax.

In those countries where there is no property tax, a land tax naturally takes its place. It is curious to find the compiler of a memorandum which has been prepared for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and is included in the Blue-book, that the institution of a land tax, where there is no property tax, is notable in France (Impôt Foncier) and Italy (Fondo Rustico), and to a lesser extent in Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Bavaria, and most of the smaller German States; but in all these cases the tax appears to be levied on the real or estimated income rather than on capital value. In Germany it appears to be that most of these State taxes are historic survivals," remarks the compiler.

In New Zealand, where the population is 800,000, about one million sterling is raised annually by rates and taxes on unimproved values of land. Mr. W. P. Reeves, who is the author of the memorandum on the subject of New Zealand, says, as regards valuation, "that the duty of the assessors is to determine the capital value of each property, and also its unimproved value. In doing so, they have to determine the value of the improvements upon it. To these ends certain guiding principles are laid down by the Valuation Act and by departmental custom."

In New Zealand, capital value is defined to be the sum which the owners' unencumbered interest might be expected to realise at the time, if offered in good faith for sale on reasonable terms and conditions. The unimproved value means a fair selling value which the owners' unencumbered interest might be expected to realise if no improvements existed on the land.

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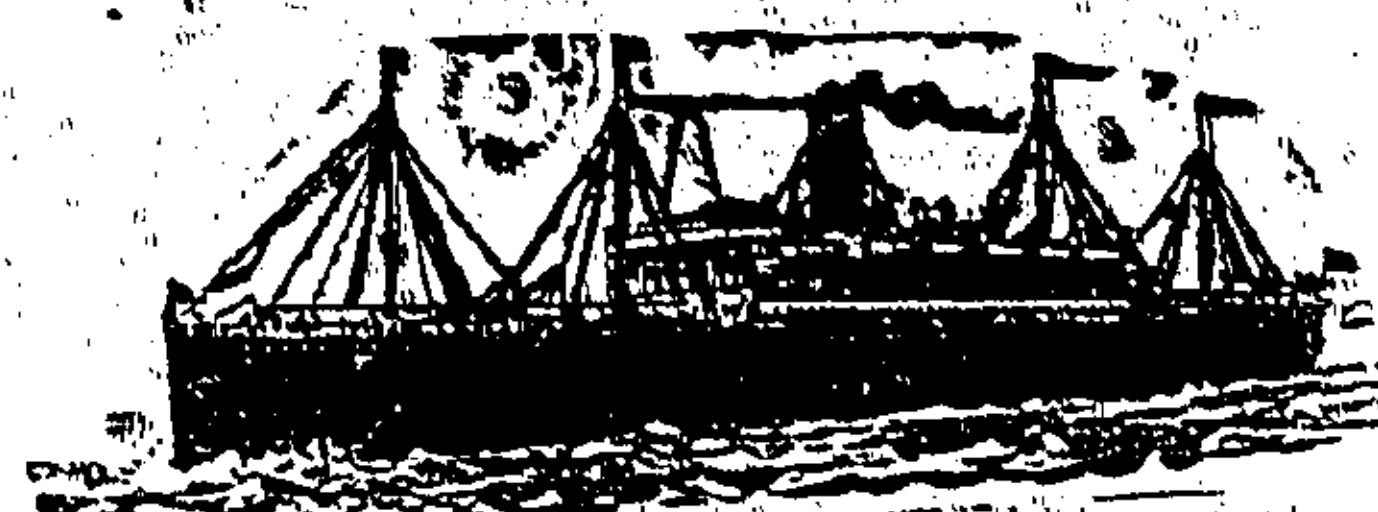
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Hongkong, August 2, 1909.

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Suez and Valparaiso, all Cargo for France, and for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. Océanica, due in London on the 3rd October, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 7, 1909.

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Hongkong, July 1, 1909.

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Ar. Changhai	6.55 a.m.	"	"

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